

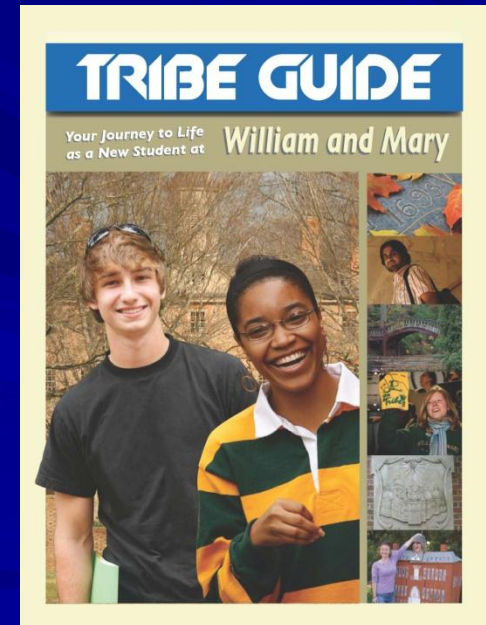
Connecting with New Students and Parents



Student Affairs Presentation Board of Visitors Meeting
September 25, 2008

For Students: Before Orientation!

- The Tribe Guide – *checklists, information, resources*
- myWM pages and chat rooms
- Podcasts with virtual tours of residences
- Connecting with Peer Mentors



W&M Pathways

- 2008 Pilot Program
2 Trips offered:
Backpacking and Rock Climbing Trips
- 18 New Students
(10 men, 8 women)
- Trip Leaders from our
Outdoor Recreation
Program are trained and
have Wilderness First Aid
certification



Backpacking

Multi-Day Wilderness Experience in the Blue Ridge

“The trip created not only new friends, but also an awesome shared experience.”



“This trip gave me an excellent way to jump out of my box before Orientation. The trip has given me a significant increase in confidence.”

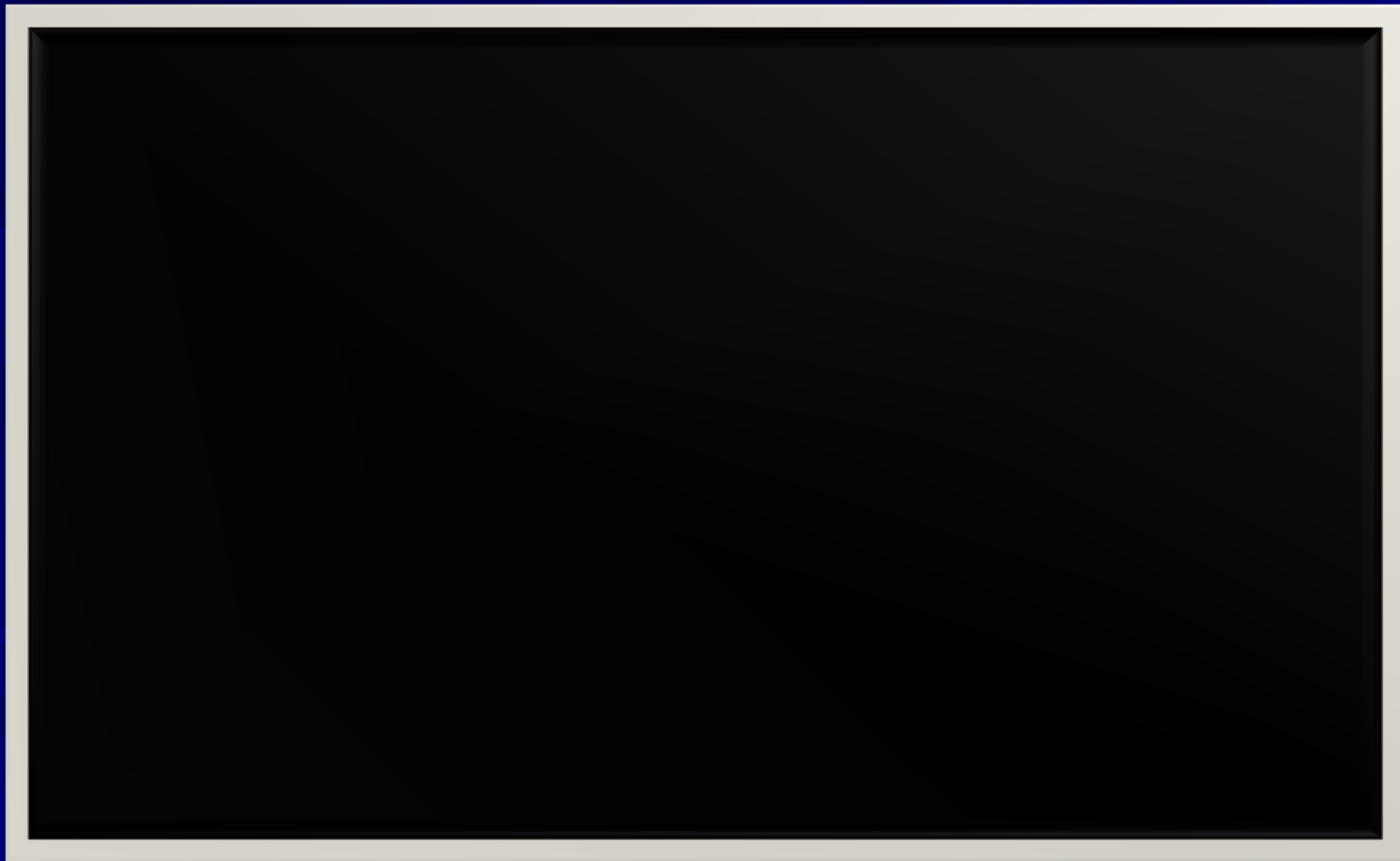
Rock Climbing

Hiking, Climbing, and “Backcountry Cooking”



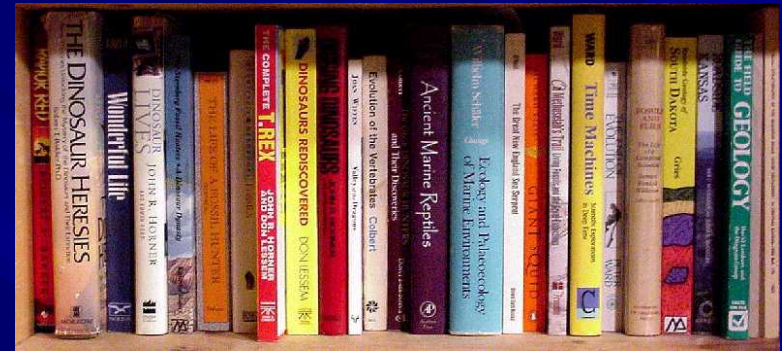
“I met people with such unique interests that I really felt opened up to the College atmosphere . . . Those few people open the doors to countless other people on campus you may never [otherwise] have gotten the chance to meet.”

Opening Day Video



During Orientation

- Academic Life – general and individual advising
- Community Standards
- Diversity and the W&M Community
- Strategies for Academic and Personal Success
- Information Sessions
- Social Activities
- Opening Convocation



S.H.O.W. Day

Students Helping Out Williamsburg

- Nearly 200 freshman and transfers who volunteered for an afternoon
- Introduce students to service opportunities
- Head Start, Housing Partnerships, AVALON, Humane Society



Extended Orientation

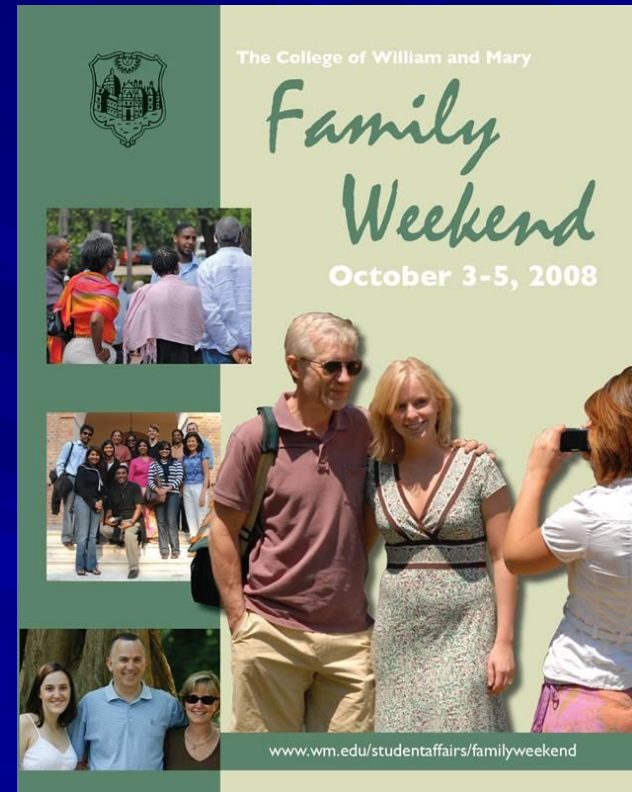
Peer Education at its Best



- The College Transition: Healthy Decision Making
- Sexual Assault Education Programs
- Diversity Conversations with Peers
- Community Standards (Honor and judicial)

Connecting with Parents

- Parent Questionnaires
- Parent Guide – Like student's Tribe Guide
- Parent Orientation: Welcome, New Relationships, Resource Fair
- Family Weekend
- Parents Association
- W&M Family Quarterly Emails
- Designated Web Portal



08-09 Initiatives in Student Affairs



- New Career Center Construction Project
- Honor Code Revisions
- Civic Engagement Initiatives
- Alcohol Foundation Plan Review